**DUPA December 2021 Meeting Recap**

General Updates:

Open positions for multiple DUPA council positions! Full list is on the DUPA [website](https://dukepostdocs.org/join-us/).

Check out our new [LinkedIn Page](https://www.linkedin.com/company/80368698/)! Follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/DukePostdocs) and join the [Duke Postdocs Slack group](https://join.slack.com/t/dukepostdocs/shared_invite/zt-ynvh9ny8-JutdxQD4R6Q_6CJL2PedUg) to keep up with postdoc event, socialize, or ask questions!

Meeting slides can be found on the [website](https://dukepostdocs.org/meeting-notes/).

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* **Diversity** – Contact: Marhiah Montoya [marhiah.montoya@duke.edu](mailto:marhiah.montoya@duke.edu)
  + - New co-chairs! Luke Parsons [luke.parsons@duke.edu](mailto:luke.parsons@duke.edu) & Belén Cortéz-Llanos [belen.cortes.llanos@duke.edu](mailto:belen.cortes.llanos@duke.edu)
    - Input from International Postdoc Info Meeting informed us about issues needed to be addressed with Duke over Visa. This is in the works.
    - Postdoc Climate Survey coming out Jan 1
* **International** –  Contacts: Yutian Feng [yutian.feng@duke.edu](mailto:yutian.feng@duke.edu) , Dilimini Wijesinghe k.wijesinghe@duke.edu, Thomas Pomberger thomas.pomberger@duke.edu, Atefah (Aty) Ghazavi atefeh.ghazavi@duke.edu, Weijia Su [weijia.su@duke.edu](mailto:weijia.su@duke.edu) & Belén Cortéz-Llanos [belen.cortes.llanos@duke.edu](mailto:belen.cortes.llanos@duke.edu)
  + The International Committee organizes fun events for international postdocs and their families (potluck, picnic, game night, local tours, hiking trips, etc.), and help international postdocs navigate their life and work at Duke.
  + **Past Events:**
    - Hiking trip at Hanging Rock State Park
      * about 20 people participated
      * DUPA provided snacks, families came, it was great so we’ll do more
    - Duke Postdoc Thanksgiving Comedy Showcase
  + **Upcoming Events:** 
    - Postdoc interview in person or through zoom, working with Duke Multimedia Project. Postdocs will have questions in advance. Currently only doing current postdocs but possibly previous postdocs in the future**. \*If you want to be involved (interviewed or interviewee) let a co-chair know\***
    - Postdoc buddy program follow-up survey and re-match coming up this month
    - Live concerts and Jam Session TBD
    - Holiday Potluck TBD
  + Looking for new co-chairs!
* **Professional Development** – Contacts: Susanna Brantley [susanna.brantley@duke.edu](mailto:susanna.brantley@duke.edu)
  + The Professional Development Committee is to provide opportunities for career development and professional interaction in a diversity of fields/careers and to provide support for postdocs on the job market. We will achieve these goals by: Hosting practice job talks for postdocs on the academic job search. Organizing support groups for postdocs writing manuscripts or grant applications. Hosting workshops and seminars with prior Duke postdocs to explore a variety of career tracks. Annually surveying postdocs to determine unmet professional development needs in our community.
  + **Events:**
    - Practice Job Talks + Practice Formal Talks ([Link](https://forms.gle/uD25N2s5YKqM46pr6) to sign up).
    - Academic Job Search Series- Leadership and Management in the Lab 12/7 @ 11AM-12PM ([Register](https://duke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_08k6eZWWL9LMpzE))
* **Social**– Gene Yu [gene.yu@duke.edu](mailto:gene.yu@duke.edu)
  + Looking for co-chair!
  + **Social Committee Duties:** The duties of a Social Committee include planning a variety of events that reach out to all Duke University postdocs. The Social Committee is dedicated to improving the postdoc experience by facilitating new interactions and connections for postdocs across campus. Examples of previous events include organizing intramural sports teams, postdoc pub nights, Hurricanes Hockey game group tickets, Lemur Center tours, Trivia/game nights, and more. We also have established connections with the UNC and NC State Postdoc Associations to collaboratively plan joint social events! The Social Committee is always looking for new event ideas, so if you enjoy planning events, socializing, and meeting new people, please join!
  + **Upcoming Events:**
    - **Pub Night** 12/10 7-10pm Bull McCabe’s
      * Drink ticket for those who register ([Register Here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/postdoc-pub-night-tickets-211894731847))
    - PhTea revamp, come together for an hour and have tea and snacks (outside)
* **Service** – Contact: Jacques Stout [jacques.stout@duke.edu](mailto:jacques.stout@duke.edu)
  + **Upcoming Events:**
    - Volunteer opportunities
      * [AIDS Prevention and Awareness](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/activategood.org/opportunity/6204*tab-what__;Iw!!OToaGQ!7o_myGfOeakbXfkm1CdZmrOz1GhTcbuNQa2XehKGhQqKPyVubdxa9S4UPjY6lkAZ$) (Raleigh) 12/4
      * [Garden Clean-up](https://activategood.org/opportunity/6052#tab-what) (Hillsborough) 12/11
      * [Food Sorting](https://activategood.org/opportunity/6101#tab-shifts) (Durham) 12/16
  + Secret Santa via Elfster. Details coming.
  + Looking for co-chairs!
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  + **Goals**: Give postdocs a forum to present their research to general audiences and help amplify the impact of their work. Reach out to K-12 and college students and familiarize them with graduate school and a career in research by presenting our work and telling our stories. Engage with our local communities and find ways to more effectively disseminate our work and collaborate for their benefit.
  + New co-chairs elected Juhi Samal [juhi.samal@duke.edu](mailto:juhi.samal@duke.edu) & Briana Simms [briana.simms@duke.edu](mailto:briana.simms@duke.edu)
  + **Upcoming event:** 
    - **Postdoc Research Soapbox 12/2 @ 12PM**
      * Postdocs do a 10–15-minute TED-style presentation about their research for a general audience. Open to all! Hybrid virtual and in person. [*Sign up*](•%09https:/duke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_29uhzVe9cRS2nDo)
      * Meet and Greet afterwards with Pizza (outside)
    - Looking for volunteers for Durham Tech Event: “The Hidden Curriculum”
      * Event about all the things no one tells you about regarding UG research, getting into grad school, etc
      * Need panelists/presenters/organizers
      * Email Claudia/ Briana if interested!